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Key Documents Bearing on the Select Committee's Request  
Regarding the NIS

## \*1. NIS Standard Instructions (July 1957, and revisions thereto)

Gives the original "Nature, Purpose and Scope" of the Program, a list of NIS Areas, Outline Guides reflecting basic intelligence requirements, allocations of production responsibility, and instructions for the preparation and processing of this intelligence.

## \*2. NIS Standard Instructions (March 1967)

This is the final revision of the NIS Standard Instructions. It reflects the reorientation of the Program resulting from the Gen. Balmer survey in 1963, in which the General Survey became the primary unit of coverage.

## \*3. NIS Committee Annual Reports to USIB (1960 to termination)

These reports account for all significant NIS policy changes and includes such important events as State's abdication of its NIS production responsibility and the increasing importance of the General Survey as the primary element of NIS coverage. Annexes to these reports contain statistics of NIS production, publications, and dissemination.

## \*4. Review of the National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Program, 10 July 1969

Study includes a summary of findings regarding the usefulness of the NIS and an annex which contains: User Survey methodology; basic statutory authority, directives, and concept underlying the NIS Program; NIS User Survey questionnaire;  Corporation report; NIS printing costs; and implications for Defense-produced detailed NIS.

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## 5. Inventory of Available NIS Publications (March 1970 and June 1974 editions)

Reports are complete inventories of NIS publications available as of the date of the report. The June 1974 report was the final issuance.

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6. DDI memo to D/BGI, dated 6 April 1973, Subject: National Intelligence Survey Program

Requests a comprehensive report on the NIS, including options to be considered regarding the future of the Program.

7. D/BGI memo to DDI, dated 27 April 1973, Subject: National Intelligence Survey Program

Respondes to DDI request of 6 April 1973.

8. DDI memo to DCI, dated 18 May 1973, Subject: National Intelligence Survey Program

Requests the DCI to seek USIB approval for abolishing the Program.

9. USIB Minutes, USIB-M-644, 28 June 1973

Paragraph 5 accounts for DDI's presentation giving reasons why CIA can no longer support the NIS.

10. USIB Minutes, USIB-M-645, 19 July 1973

Paragraph 3 accounts for an oral report by the Chairman, NIS Committee of his understanding of the USIB action taken at the previous meeting and his request for USIB confirmation of the decision to abolish the Program.

11. DCI memo to Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, dated 11 September 1973, Subject: Termination of the National Intelligence Survey Program

Explains the decision to terminate the Program and notes that this action will require a revision of NSCID #3. Requests permission to develop recommendations for possible revision of other NSCID's. Proposes plan to disseminate notification of termination to NIS customers.

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